

BOARD FOR HEARING AID SPECIALISTS

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists met on Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Board Street, 4th Floor, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present:

Kathy J. Harvey
Thomas M. Frank
Olivia L. Kearney
Harry W. Kessler, III
Matthew J. Myrick

The following members were absent:

Richard E. Linde, M.D.
Teresa M. Robinson

DPOR staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
Karen W. O'Neal, Deputy Director for Licensing & Regulations Division
William H. Ferguson, II, Executive Director
Zelda W. Dugger, Board Administrator
Lynnette Mayes, Examination Specialists, Office of Education & Examinations
Rashaun K. Minor, Administrative Assistant

There was not a representative present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Ms. Harvey determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. **Call to Order**

Upon a motion by Mr. Frank and seconded by Ms. Kearney the Board voted to approve the agenda. **Approval of Agenda**

The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Frank, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Kearney, Mr. Kessler, and Mr. Myrick..

There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Harvey asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment. **Public Comment Period**

The Board took under consideration the delegation of authority to former board members and DPOR staff to preside over Informal Fact- **Delegation of Authority**

Finding (IFF) conferences. This would allow the full board to participant at the board meeting and in the final decision.

Upon a motion by Mr. Frank and seconded by Mr. Kessler the Board voted to approve the delegation of authority to former board members and DPOR staff to preside over Informal Fact-Finding (IFF) conferences.

The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Frank, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Kearney, Mr. Kessler, and Mr. Myrick.

There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed § 18 VAC 80-20-40 E of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations pertaining to a candidate's exam scores: **Regulations**

18 VAC 80-20-40. E. All correspondence from the board to the temporary permit holder shall be addressed to both the temporary permit holder and the licensed sponsor and shall be sent to the business address of the licensed sponsor.

The Board agreed to include on the Hearing Aid Specialists Examination and License Application a question that asks the applicant if he would permit the board office to share the test scores with the Hearing Aid Specialists Sponsor.

The Board discussed §18 VAC-20-280 of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations

18 VAC 80-20-280. Accountability of licensee.

A licensee shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of his staff in the performance of the fitting and dispensing of hearing aid services.

By consensus the Board agreed that the current language is clear and any facts pertaining to this section would be presented through the Informal Fact Finding Conference.

The Board was asked to review the regulations are as a preliminary step for regulatory review.

The Board reviewed its examination statistics for informational purposes. Ms. Lynnette Mayes explained the examination categories and provided statistics concerning first time and repeat candidates. **Examination Statistics**

The Board reviewed its quarterly statistics for informational purposes. **Quarterly Statistics**

For informational purposes, the Board reviewed the Board for Audiology and Speech Language Pathology May 18, 2006, February 23, 2006, and November 10, 2005 general board meeting unapproved minutes and their February 23, 2006 legislative/regulatory committee unapproved minutes.

**Board of Audiology
and Speech-
Language Pathology**

The Board reviewed meeting dates for 2007. Meeting were scheduled for:

2007 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Wednesday, November 14, 2007.

The Board was informed that Ms. Kathy Harvey and Mr. Thomas Frank were both reappointed to the Board.

Reappointments

Upon a motion by Ms. Kearney and seconded by Mr. Frank the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Adjourn

The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Frank, Ms. Harvey, Ms. Kearney, Mr. Kessler, and Mr. Myrick..

There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy J. Harvey, Chair

Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

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